

***Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting- June 1, 2021
@7:30 pm
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall***

Attending:

Mayor Perry Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner A.C. Hurley
Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner
Mac Whatley
Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director- Arnold Allred
Public Works Assistant Director- Joe Walsh
Guests: Billy Farias, Harvey Harman, Jill Wood

21-138 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of silence/ prayer

21-139 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Conner discussed the consent agenda. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted. Unanimously.**

21-140 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report. General discussion reference the increased General Fund revenues and the expenditures shown on the financial report. See report included. Commissioner Whatley led discussion reference the applications needed for the USDA for the projects of the new Proposed library and the highway 64 project vs the greenway bridge application by Mary Joan Pugh on behalf of the Town. Nikki Denney with the USDA District office has discussed how the Town might proceed with the applications. The bridge project is approximately \$400,000.00. General discussion as to how this application will affect the other projects like the Highway 64 project and the library. Commissioner Goodwin questioned the application process and timeline for each project. Mayor Conner offered to call Nikki Denney with the USDA first thing in the morning and find out if the Water/sewer project would be affected by the application for either the library project or the bridge project. General discussion reference whether to continue with all the applications or concentrate on the Highway 64 project first. The deadline for the library application is July 1st. and the greenway bridge as well.

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the photos and prices on the windows and doors to secure the old bank building. Assistant Public Works Director Joe Walsh has gotten prices from an are vendor that worked on the roof and siding of the project. The cost for the double-hung energy efficient windows with grids and solid transoms is \$16,000.00. The capital Improvement Fund has a budgeted amount of \$10,000.00. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to move \$7,000.00 from the General Fund to Capital Improvements for the windows and doors. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted. Commissioners Brandon and A.C. Hurley opposed.**

Finance Officer O'Brien asked the Board to set dates for the next meetings for the LDO, and ordinance up-dates and the budget hearings. General discussion reference the 16th or 17th as good dates and allow time before the end of the month state deadlines. Jill Wood, the consultant has a conflict on the 15th but is available the rest of the week. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to hold the hearings and called meeting on June 16th starting at 7:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

21-141 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning Consultant Jill Wood gave a report on the 160-D up-dates to the Land Development Ordinances and discussed the addition of the new Minimum Housing Standard to the development ordinances. Ms. Wood went over the changes and definitions to the ordinances in a brief overview. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn remarked on how much the Town and Board appreciated all of Ms. Wood's hard work and contributions. All are aware of how much money and time Ms. Wood has saved the Town and it is very appreciated. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to follow the recommendation of the Planning Board and adopt all of the ordinances as updated. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously. The Public Hearing will be held later in June.**

Commissioner Whatley stated the first Planning Board was installed November 1st, 1986. General discussion reference open positions on the Planning Board. Laurie Cone and Pat Kirkman were suggested as possible candidates for the Planning Board and several commissioners were going to reach out to them and ask about their participation. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to ask Pat Kirkman to serve on the Planning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

21-142 PUBLIC SERVICES

Charity Johnson, Library Director gave a report on the library's programs including the Seed Swap Program. Julian Milling was a contributor for the program, and she hopes to see it grow and increase for next year. Sunday is a very positive day for the library usage, and she discussed the application for a grant for enhanced Wi-Fi for the park.

Mayor Conner read the most recent report from Amanda Ratliff with Smart Start, Partnership for Children. See included. Ms. Ratliff discussed the recent college graduation of one of her first students and the impact the Partnership had on his life and his family. Commissioner Whatley discussed how Franklinville became the first town to open a Partnership for Children office in the County.

21-143 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred presented his report. Director Allred discussed the water loss report from Town and Country and Pine Crest mobile home parks, see included. Director Allred gave a positive report on the TTHM testing and levels. The Ramseur Water plant has not yet completed the testing needed to take the new equipment installed by the NCDEQ Grant/Loan project on-line yet. The work by Franklinville is completed and the Water treatment plant will handle the rest. Director Allred discussed the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) meeting for the Highway 64 project for June 9th at the Town hall. He also discussed the projects his department has been working on recently such as tree trimming. There have been several complaints, but the trimming in some areas was requested by the school system because of bus traffic. He mentioned the resident of 170 Rose Street is still parking on the sidewalk. He anticipates the new ballfield fencing will be installed near June 20th. He showed pictures of the Ogles Creek Pumping station and suggested remedies for the problems with materials clogging the pumps. He and Assistant Director Walsh attended a conference and have found a product to alleviate the clogging, called a Grid B A Mixer. The cost is approximately \$3500.00.

General discussion reference this fiscal year budget versus next year's fund and the ARP funds for infrastructure.

Motion by Commissioner Goodwin that the town use the ARP funding for the Grid B Air Mixer. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Director Allred discussed the need to replace the force main beneath the river from Ogles Creek because of the lack of depth of burial of the pipe and the possibility of a catastrophic loss of service if the pipe is damaged by storms or debris. General discussion reference the costs of replacement with Director Allred estimating

\$250,000.00. General discussion reference the Highway 64 project and possible replacement at the same time.

21-144 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as amended by adding 10,000. to the Sewer Line Maintenance line item which was inadvertently omitted. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted. Commissioner A.C. Hurley opposed. Budget moves to second vote.

Utilities Clerk Christie Gunter discussed the possibility of the Commissioners changing their meeting date back to the prior date or something other than the 1st Tuesday of the month. Both she and the Finance Officer discussed the difficulty of preparing the Commissioners packets, preparing for the Board meeting, and doing the utility billing at the same time. General discussion reference the best dates for individual Commissioners. **Motion by Commissioner Brandon Hurley to move the meeting to the 2nd Monday night of the month. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.** The next meeting will be July 12th and the Clerk will advertise the change.

21-145 VISITORS COMMENTS

Mr. Harvey Harman with the Living Well Community discussed the possible use of ARP Funds for cultural tourism, artisan promotion and job creation. He would like to promote a dialog and request that some of the ARP Funds be earmarked for these uses and to help the community attract both tourists and artists to the area.

Mayor Conner stated that these requests and the Folk School would certainly be considered further.

Mayor Conner recognized Billy Farias and he discussed the sewer systems and the mayor’s recent injury to his right leg and how he was progressing.

21-146 MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Conner discussed the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce fundraiser with the Asheboro Copperheads baseball game. Billy Farias offered to buy tickets for \$15.00 and Mayor Conner discussed a contribution for the tickets of \$20.00.

**Commissioner A.C. Hurley, motion to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Whatley.
Adjourned 9:37 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry L. Conner, Mayor
(seal)

Attest: _____
Beverly O’Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk